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Applicant(s): Tsutomu Takayama

Group Art Unit: 2621

Serial No.: 09/883,467

Examiner: Edwards, Patrick L.

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For: SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend Figure 4 as indicated in red ink on the attached drawing sheet. The reason for this proposed drawing amendment is set forth in the concurrently filed Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's approval of these proposed drawing amendments. If the drawing amendments are approved, Applicants will file formal drawings upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 5, 2004

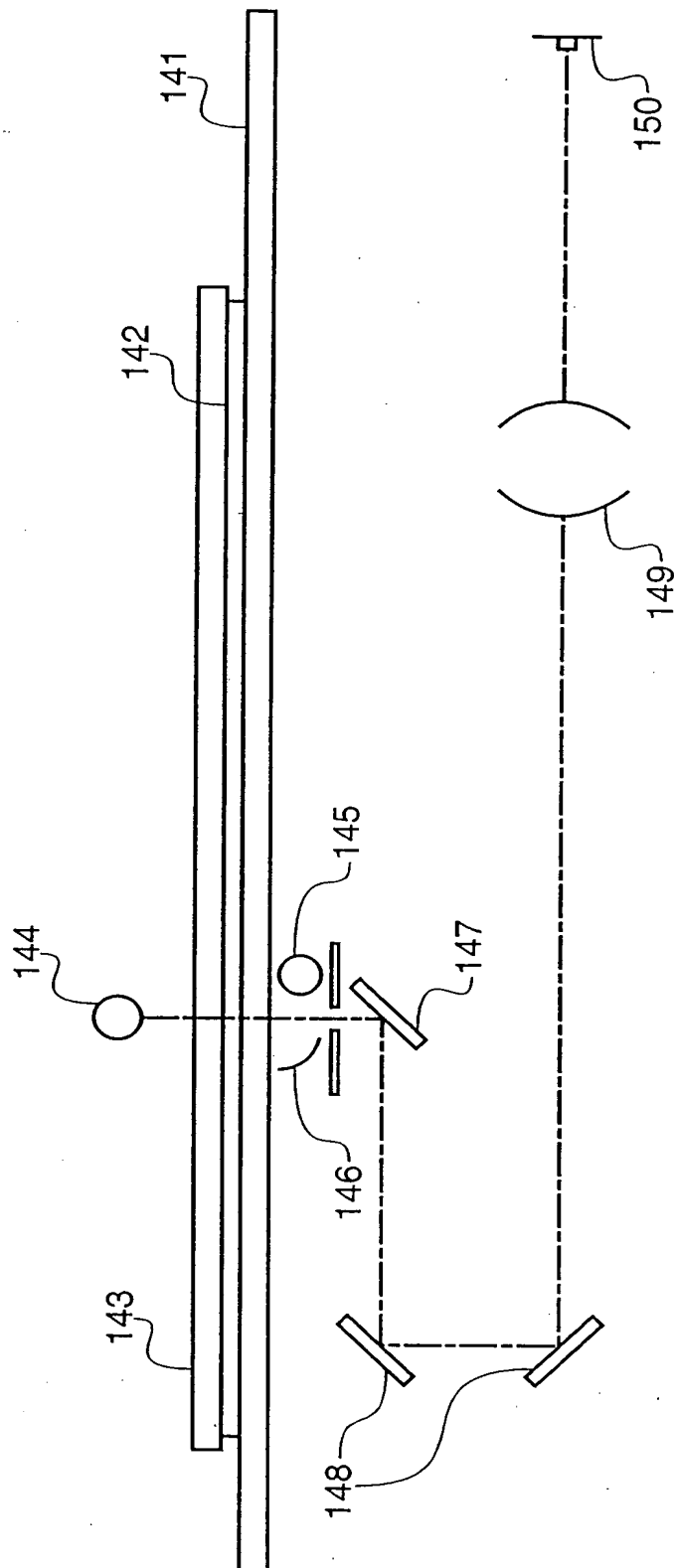
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FIG. 28

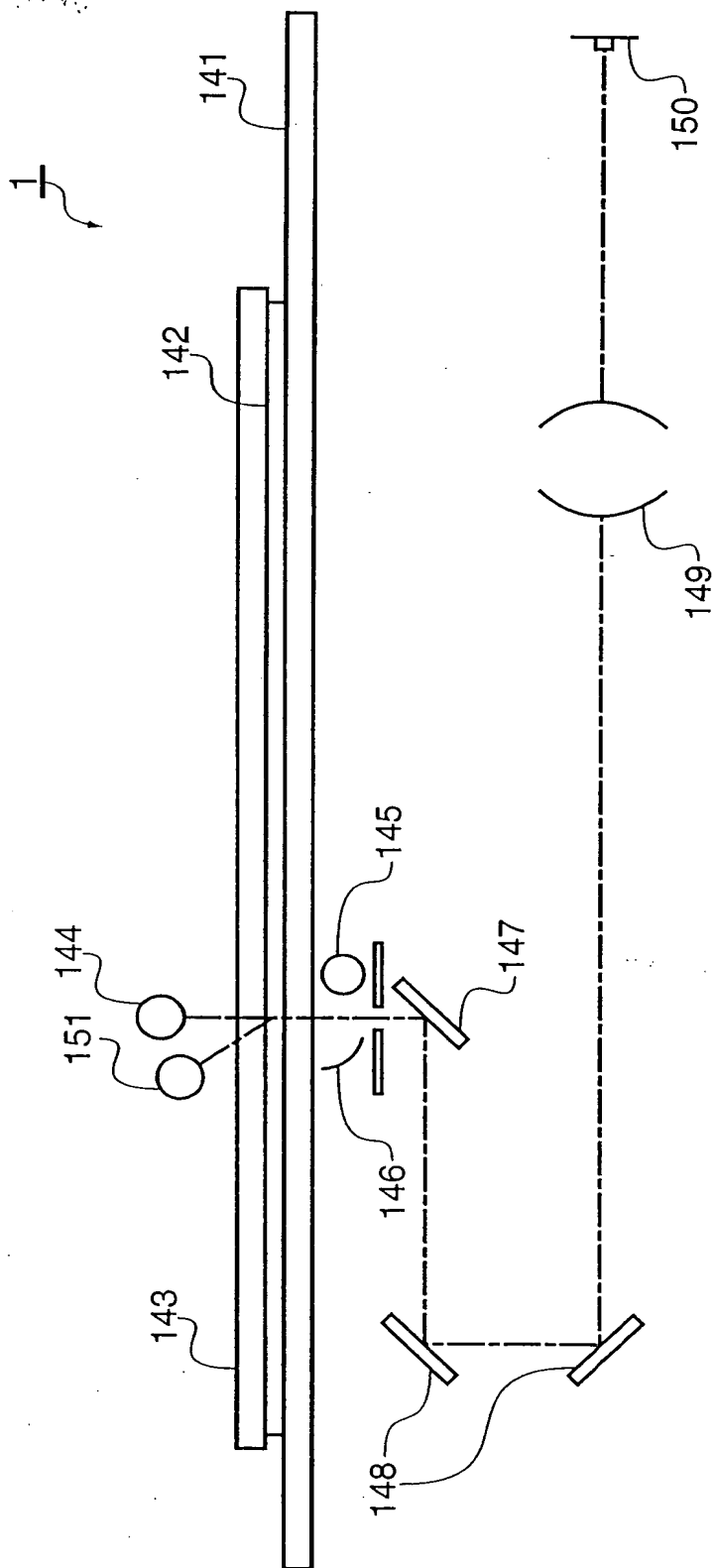


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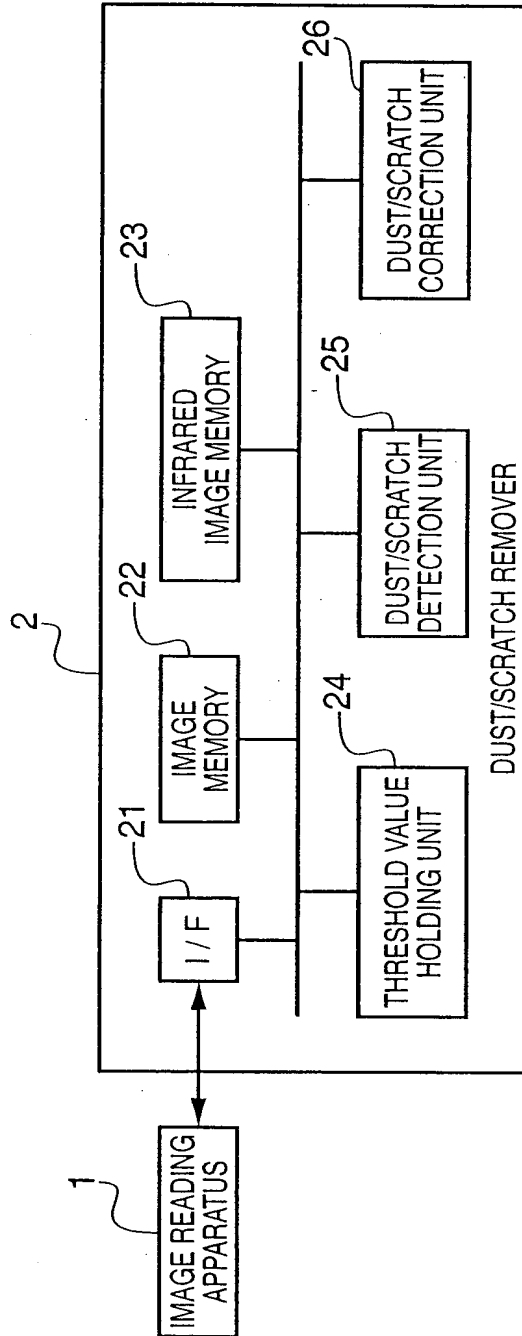
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FIG. 29



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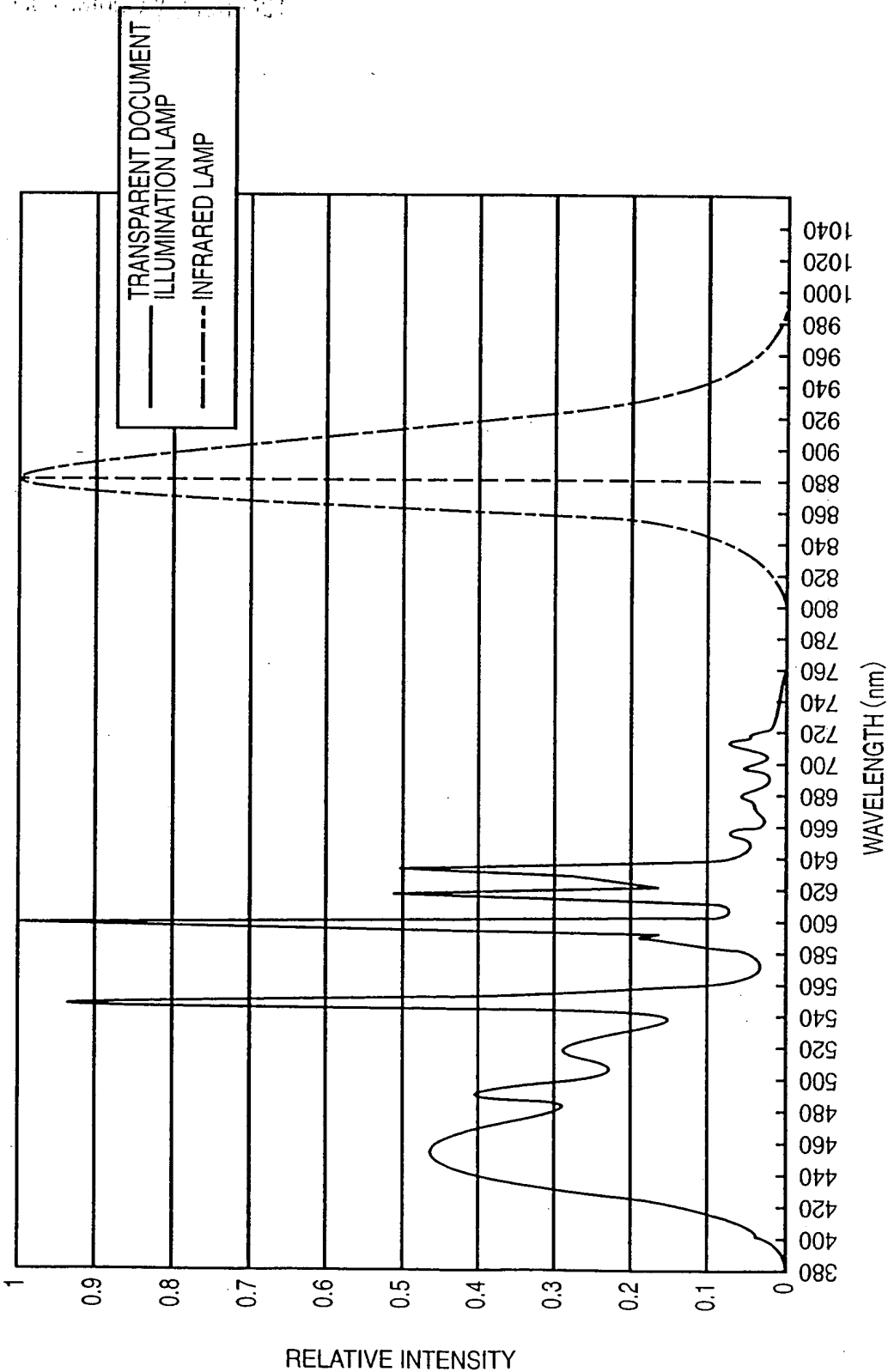
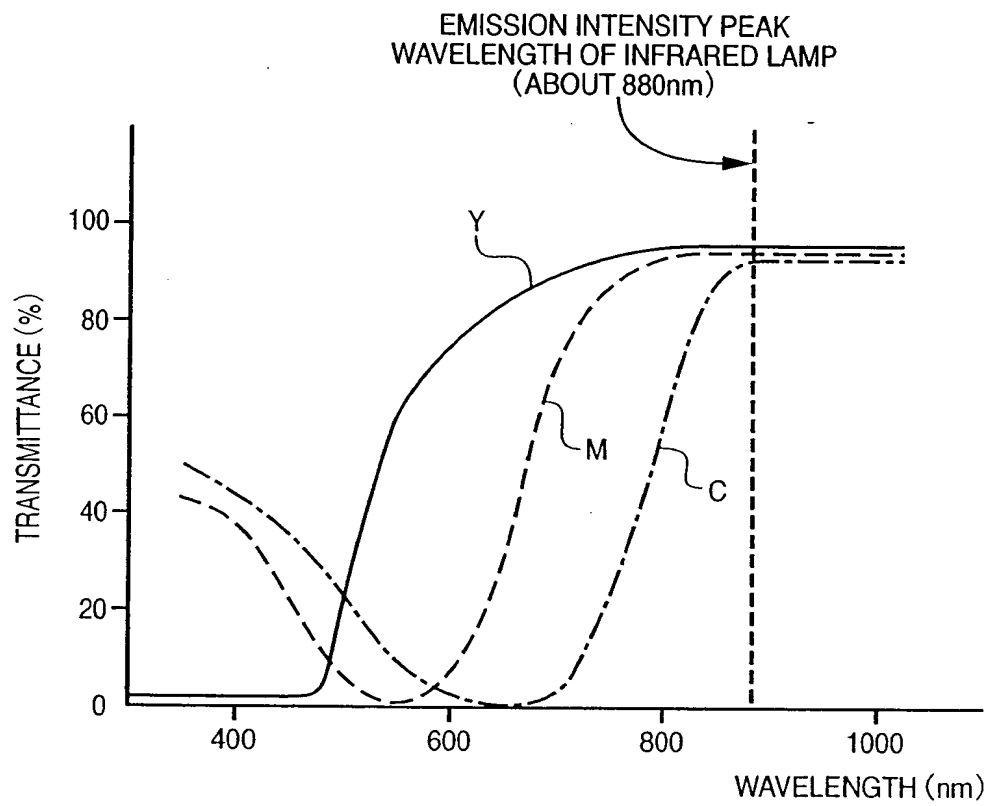




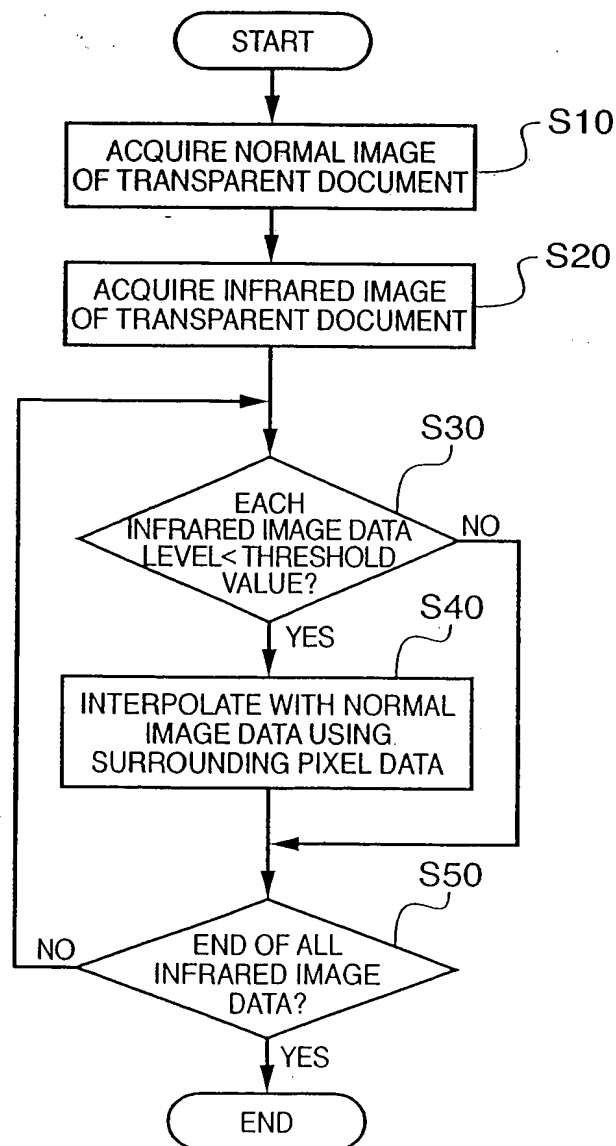
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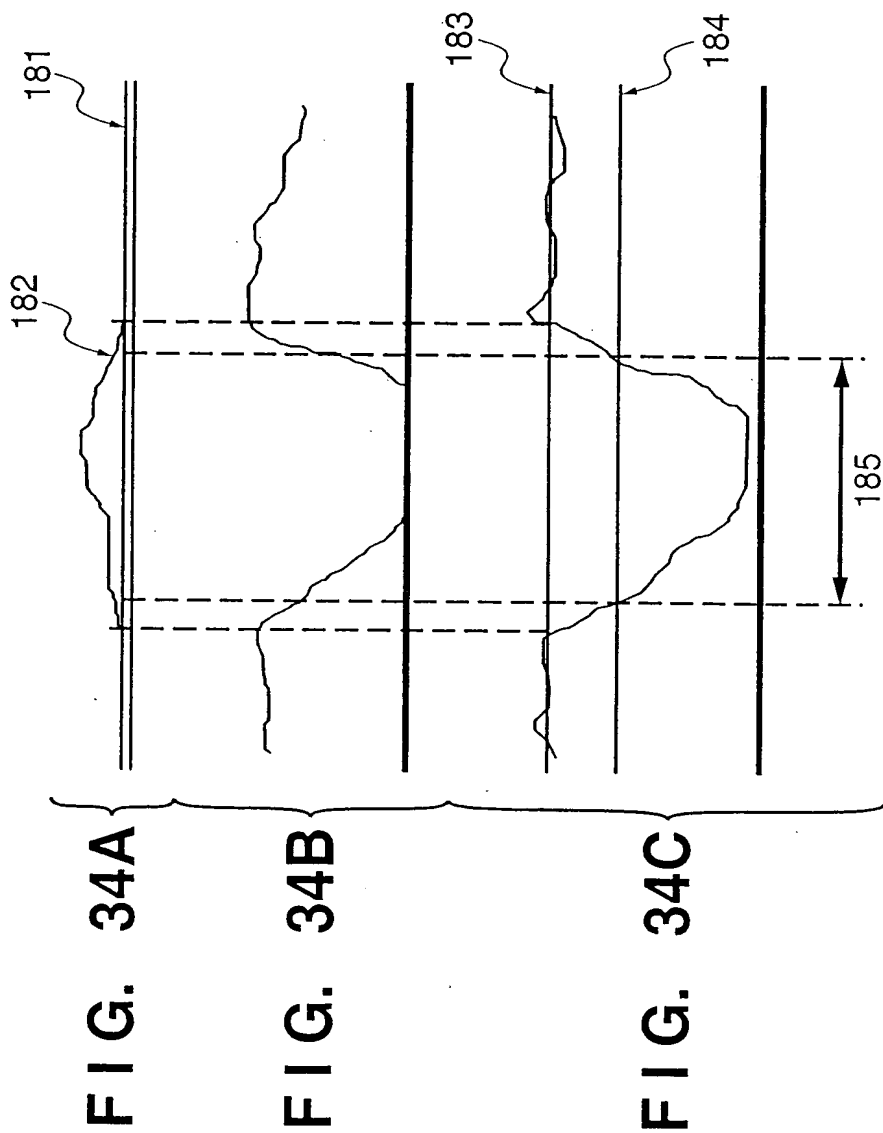
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